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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. BARRAGÁN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 26, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

NOW IS TIME TO BACK THE BLUE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, across our country, parents are facing a new and scary reality this summer. As soccer camps and Little League games get back underway, there is a new and growing crime crisis that is threatening our communities.

Just last week, President Biden made the extraordinarily false comment that crime is down. President Biden is

wrong. We are seeing a rise in crime throughout American cities.

In Philadelphia, there have been 315 homicides this year, an increase of over 35 percent from last year. This is unacceptable.

The people living in our communities deserve to feel safe. While families worry about the growing crime crisis, liberal leaders have turned their backs and failed to protect our neighborhoods.

Across the country, mayors and community leaders have condemned the police officers and joined protests calling to defund law enforcement. They have failed to support our police officers as the police officers are battling, firsthand, this crime wave. This dangerous rhetoric makes our communities less safe. Now is definitely not the time to defund the police.

Tragically, ambush-style attacks on law enforcement have increased 91 percent since last year. These attacks have been deadly, and unfortunately, 155 police officers have given their lives in the line of duty.

This is not the time to play games, and this is not the time to cut funding for body armor and safety equipment that protect our officers who are on the front lines.

Now more than ever, we must stand with our law enforcement officers. We must stand with our heroes to keep us safe each and every day. We must ensure that they have the tools and the training to protect themselves from harm while they protect us and protect our communities.

Now is the time to back the blue.

Now is the time to support our law enforcement.

Now is the time to speak out against the dangerous rhetoric that puts the lives of the men and women in blue in danger.

A NATION IN FINANCIAL JEOPARDY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, we could talk about so many things today on how the Democrats are tearing this Nation apart: the immigration crisis, the attack on the American family, the destruction of race relations, skyrocketing crime because of the defund the police movement.

Madam Speaker, I could go on and on. But today, we will talk about the financial disaster that the Biden administration is causing.

There is no doubt that the Democrats' outrageous, reckless, and out-of-control spending is putting our Nation in financial jeopardy. However, I cannot help but notice that Democrats in this Chamber systematically fail to address the deeply personal and palpable impact of this administration's financial irresponsibility.

To my colleagues across the aisle, please understand that inflation is severely hurting American families and their ability to create and sustain financial security.

Over the weekend, I spoke to a restaurant owner who told me that due to soaring costs of goods and services, he will have to raise prices to make ends meet. I have many constituents on fixed incomes who tell me that they are having to eliminate food off their grocery lists in order to afford family meals.

Skyrocketing costs present a serious problem for American families and workers, and under this administration, costs do not seem to be going down anytime soon.

In fact, inflation has increased every single month since Joe Biden took office. Gas prices are at their highest

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